

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted prior to continued examination of the present application. Claims 5, 10, 12 and 13 were pending in the application. In this Amendment, claims 10, 12 and 13 have been amended. Claims 5, 10, 12 and 13 thus remain for consideration.

Applicants submit that claims 5, 10, 12 and 13 are in condition for allowance and request early and favorable consideration thereof.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

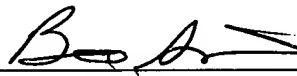
The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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